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Title:

METHOD FOR MANAGING RETURNS

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Specification and Claim(s) [Total Pages 52]

Drawing(s) [Total Sheets 12]

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Declaration [Total Pages 7]

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Copy From Prior Application (37 CFR § 1.63(d))

Deletion of Inventor(s) (37 CFR § 1.63(d)(2))
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Assignment Papers (Cover Sheet and Document(s))

37 CFR § 3.73(b) Statement (if applicable) Power of Attorney

English Translation Document (if applicable)

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

Copies of IDS Citations

Preliminary Amendment

Return Receipt Postcard (Specifically Itemized)

Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

Other

If a Continuing Application

Continuation Divisional Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of prior Application No.: ;

Examiner: ; and

Group/Art Unit:

Cancel Claims:

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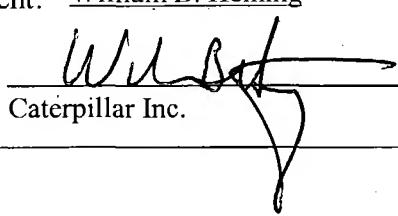
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	(Unassigned)
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Art Unit	(Unassigned)
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check Credit Card Money Order Other None
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Account
Number 03-1129

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	750
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$)			750

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	23	-20** = 3 X 18 = 54	
Independent Claims	9	-3** = 6 X 84 = 504	
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2002	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2001	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$)		558

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity | Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					

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